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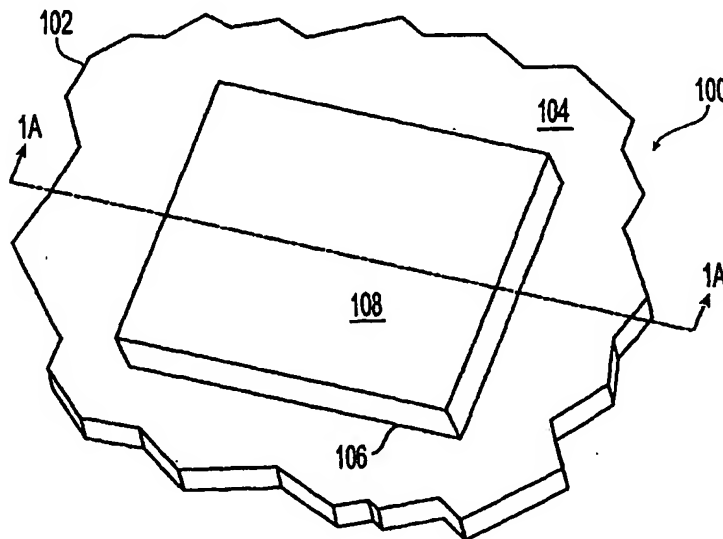
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(57) Abstract: A microelectromechanical (MEMS) device (100) has a substrate (102) and a generally planar moving element (106), such as a mirror, disposed in parallel to the surface (108) of the substrate. An actuator is operatively engageable with the moving element (106) for selectively actuating the moving element (106) between a first position in a plane horizontal to the surface of the substrate and a second position in that plane. The MEMS device (100) may be effectively used as an optical switch. Various different actuators can be used. Preferably, the device is fabricated using a surface micromachining process.

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